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Mr. Martin Suuberg
Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection
1 Winter Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Commissioner Suuberg:

Pursuant to Section 7 of amended 31 CMR 7.36, *Transit System Improvements*, please find enclosed our responses to public comments on the 2020 Status Report on transit projects required under the revised State Implementation Plan (submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on June 30, 2020). Section 7 requires the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to file a summary of all public comments and written responses to those comments within 120 days of the public meeting also required by Section 7. A public meeting was held by DEP on October 1, 2020.

The 2020 Status Report is publicly available on the MassDOT website at www.massdot.state.ma.us/SIP.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (857) 368-8865 or david.mohler@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

David Mohler
Executive Director
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cc: Glen Keith, Department of Environmental Protection

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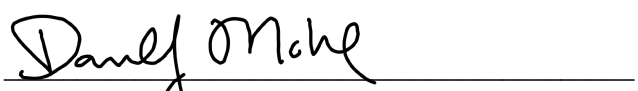
MEMORANDUM

TO:	Martin Suuberg Commissioner Department of Environmental Protection
FROM:	David J. Mohler Executive Director MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning
DATE:	February 22, 2021
RE:	310 CMR 7.36 (7)(c)

This memo is intended to fulfill the reporting requirements of 310 CMR 7.36 (7)(c), in which the Massachusetts Department of Transportation must attest that:

- MassDOT has provided complete information for all requirements of 310 CMR 7.36 (7)(a).
- MassDOT has provided complete information about any actual or known potential need and reasons for a project substitution pursuant to 310 CMR 7.36(4)(b).
- MassDOT has provided complete information on the interim offset projects implemented or proposed to be implemented pursuant to 310 CMR 7.36(4)(b) and (5)(g)4.

I certify that all the information listed above has been provided and that MassDOT has, to the best of its ability, fulfilled all public processes and reporting requirements described in 310 CMR 7.36 (7).



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Comments Received on the MassDOT 2020 Status Report (by format and date)

Written Testimony					
Date	**Title**	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Affiliation**	**Additional Authors**

Comments Received on the MassDOT 2020 Status Report (by format and date)

Oral Testimony					
Date	**Title**	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Affiliation**	**Additional Authors**

Note: No comments were received on the MassDOT 2020 Status Report.

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INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes and responds to public comments received by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) on the *State Implementation Plan-Transit Commitments 2020 Status Report* (the Status Report) submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on June 30, 2020 in order to fulfill the requirements of 310 CMR 7.36, *Transit System Improvements.* The Status Report detailed the status of two public transit projects – listed below – required of MassDOT under 310 CMR 7.36. The projects are:

- Fairmount Line Improvement Project
- Green Line Extension to Somerville and Medford

MassDOT accepted public comments on the Status Report through October 16, 2020, following a public meeting (held on October 1, 2020) at which MassDOT staff presented an overview of the contents of the Status Report, and provided an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and provided feedback and comments. MassDOT did not receive any comments at the public meeting nor any written comments during the public comment period following the public meeting.

Throughout this document, the SIP regulation (310 CMR 7.36) is referenced. Additional information and detail on the regulation (310 CMR 7.36) can be viewed at:

http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/SIP

State Implementation Plan Public Meeting
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and
the Massachusetts Department of Transportation
October 1, 2020 – 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
October 1, 2020 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
These meetings were held virtually.

Attendees at Sessions:

Glen Keith, Director, Air & Climate Programs Division, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
Steve Woelfel, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Transportation Planning, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT)

Introduction

Moderator Glen Keith opened the meeting on MassDOT's 2020 Status Report on the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and provided background on the overall regulatory context of the SIP and the public process requirements.

MassDOT's Status Report for 2020 on the SIP was submitted to MassDEP on June 30, 2020, pursuant to the public process requirements of subsection (7) of 310 CMR 7.36, the *Transit System Improvements* regulation. Revisions to this regulation were effective December 2006. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the revised regulation as a revision to the Massachusetts SIP in July 2008.

Under subsection (7) of 310 CMR 7.36, MassDOT is required to submit a Status Report annually on all uncompleted SIP requirements and submit that report to MassDEP. MassDEP is then required to hold a public meeting and take public comments. Within 120 days of this meeting, MassDOT is required to summarize and respond to all comments. Within 60 days of MassDOT's submission and response to comments, MassDEP is required to determine whether the public process requirements of the regulation have been met.

2020 Status Report[1]

Steve Woelfel, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Transportation Planning, MassDOT, provided a summary of the status of the two of the outstanding SIP commitments:

Fairmount Line Improvement Project

This project was completed and the final station, Blue Hill Avenue Station, opened in February 2019. MassDOT's requirements under the State Implementation Plan are now complete and this project will no longer be reported on in the annual SIP Report.

[1] Status up to date as of October 1, 2020, the date of the State Implementation Plan public meeting.

Green Line Extension Project

MassDOT awarded a contract to a Design Build team in December 2017. MassDOT expects to have revenue service for the main branch open in March 2022 and revenue service for the Union Square branch in December 2021, with final program completion in April 2022. Since 2014, MassDOT has implemented interim offset measures. These measures are: additional off-peak service on existing routes serving the corridor (the Green Line, bus route 80, 88, 91, 94, and 96); purchasing 142 hybrid electric vehicles for the RIDE; and constructing additional Park and Rides at the Beverly and Salem intermodal facilities.

Oral Testimony – Afternoon Session

No testimony was submitted in the afternoon session.

Oral Testimony – Evening Session

No testimony was submitted in the evening session.